

*****Draft for Input and Discussion*****

COMIO's Activities for 2016 – Investigate, Promote, and Identify

Incentives for Cost Effective Strategies and Best Practices

Priority Area	Target Audience/ Population	Objectives	Activities	Output/ Product/ Outcome
Diversion		<p>Investigate and begin to answer the questions <i>“Divert to What”</i> and <i>“Divert to Where”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Can we identify/assess the size and needs of criminally involved persons with mental illness in different counties? ➤ What mix of community services, including housing is needed for this population? ➤ Where are MHSA or Public Safety Funds presently being spent on criminally involved persons with mental illness in each of our Counties? ➤ How can we maximize federal Medicaid dollars to create substance abuse/mental health residential facilities? ➤ How can we address existing barriers to capacity building (e.g. Nimbyism and Data Sharing) with solutions or strategies to overcome them? <p>Investigate strategies to tie diversion efforts to the existing mental health system</p>	<p>Promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ a common assessment tool; ✓ identifiers for community placed high-risk individuals; ✓ successful service and housing siting strategies; and ✓ adequate housing and residential options <p>Identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local programs that are effectively serving criminally involved persons (adult and youth) with mental health challenges ✓ The role Public Guardians play in diversion and support improvements ✓ Barriers to providers serving the target population ✓ Policy and legislative barriers that need to be addressed for the above; <p>Map which entities are studying what regarding emerging best practices from public safety realignment, MIOCR, MHSA programs and others. What, if anything, are we learning specifically about criminally involved persons with mental illness and what do we still need to know?</p>	<p>Report Findings/ Fact Sheet Series</p> <p>Report on Findings</p>

		<p>➤ Are existing local mental health delivery systems user-friendly and qualified to work with criminally involved persons with mental illness arrested in the community?</p>	<p>Participate in Prop 47 Implementation</p> <p>Participate in planning grant efforts for Certified Behavioral Health Clinics</p>	<p>Services are Prioritized in Prop 47 Programs</p> <p>Crisis and Coordination Services are Prioritized</p>
First Responder Training		<p>Identify strategies to support the mental well-being of first responders themselves.</p> <p>Continue to learn more about the training delivered to correctional staff, probation staff, and parole staff.</p> <p>Support high quality Mental Health Training for first responders and community correctional staff</p>	<p>Investigate practices used by existing COMIO represented entities like CDCR, Sheriffs and Probation.</p> <p>Identify MH community training available for continued training hours in the community. Are there community-based trainings that COMIO wants to “endorse” as being a “best practice”?</p> <p>Act as a conduit for information sharing across training entities.</p> <p>Identify the need to provide additional mental health training for fire, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and hospital emergency room medical professionals;</p> <p>Identify the need to broaden the scope and definition of training, and work towards policy change, for first responders;</p> <p>Identify best practices for collecting and analyzing data for agencies to assess the effectiveness of their Mental Health first responder training</p>	<p>Report on Findings</p> <p>Report on Findings</p> <p>Disseminate Findings</p> <p>Report on Findings</p>

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Prevention of Youth with MH Needs in Juvenile Justice System		<p>Continue to promote promising practices in prevention and early intervention programs that could significantly reduce criminal justice contact for youth with trauma and other mental health needs.</p> <p>Collaborate with Diversion and Training Committees, when appropriate, to include the needs of juveniles/ youth in their activities</p> <p>Promote strategies to address the racial and ethnic disproportion of youth of color in the juvenile justice system.</p>	<p>Send cover letter with annual report findings on recommendations to partners identified in the 2015 report.</p> <p>Identify and promote resources made available by the Board of State and Community Corrections and others to support implementation of effective strategies</p>	<p>Distribute up to 20 packets</p> <p>Cross Committee Participation</p> <p>Report on Resources</p>